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such a purpose, we think, the book is well adapted. These principles are plainly stated, well illustrated, and frequently accompanied with interesting accounts of their origin.

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AMERICAN ELECTRICAL CASES. Edited by WILLIAM W. MORRILL. Vol. IV. Albany : Matthew Bender. 1895.

Volume IV. of American Electrical Cases contains reports in full of nearly one hundred and forty cases decided between January 1, 1892, and April 1, 1894. Besides this there are notes of nearly one hundred and forty additional cases.

The cases are grouped together according to their subject-matter rather than arranged in a chronological order, and include, among others, cases involving a consideration of the following interesting questions : The municipal control of the use of streets by electrical companies ; the crossing of steam railroads by electrical railroads ; the proposition that electric light companies are manufacturing companies ; the obstruction of navigable streams by electric cables, and the power of municipal corporation to engage in the electric light business.

A feature of the present volume which distinguishes it from the preceding ones is that it contains a large number of cases relating to electric railway accidents, including cases of accidents to passengers and accidents to those using streets along the line of the roads.

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THE ANNUAL ON THE LAW OF REAL PROPERTY. Edited by TILGHMAN E. BALLARD and EMERSON E. BALLARD. Vol. III. Crawfordsville, Ind. : The Ballard Publishing Co. 1894.

The third volume of this work has recently appeared. It is larger than the former volumes and contains many improvements of practical utility to the busy lawyer. On the title-page, we find that it is "a complete compendium of real estate law, embracing all current cases, carefully selected, thoroughly annotated and accurately epitomized ; comparative statutory construction of the laws of the several states ; and exhaustive treatises upon the most important branches of the law of real